Preliminary Amendment

· . . 1

Appln. No.: Based on PCT/JP2002/008384

REMARKS

Claims 3, 4, 5, and 6 have been amended and new claims 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 have been added, to place the claims in desired appropriate form for examination. Thus, all of the claims are now in appropriate form, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with the examination of the pending claims.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may facilitate the further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC

Telephone: (202) 293-7060 Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE 23373
CUSTOMER NUMBER

Date: February 17, 2005